

North Rainier Town Hall Meeting

May 16, 2009

Group 3

Places and connections

Excited about Light Rail to go to:

Chinatown,
Othello (for a Chinese restaurant)
Airport (to transfer buses to Federal Way)
Downtown library
and for leisure

Others: Light Rail will not go where he wants. (shops in South Center/Bellevue Mall, works in Renton)

4 Would walk to station

7 Take bus to station

Services Desired:

- Good Chinese Restaurant
- Family Clothing store with wide range of sizes, including very small (to fit Chinese)
- Chinese Grocery
- Fred Meyer or Walmart -- or other store with clothes and food
- Doctor's office

- Want more development in order to have more goods and services

- Would live in higher density building in the center

- Would like a Pedestrian Plaza –
 - outside station to sit and socialize
 - Programmed for exercise
- Would like Higher Density – “High Rise” near station – need to transition down to single family
- Would like pedestrian connection to Cheasty west of QFC
 - 6-8 story buildings to the west of QFC – west to the green belt -- is okay. Currently single family
- Would like MLK to be the arterial
- Would like Rainier to be the Pedestrian/Transit/Slow traffic street
- Keep existing retail – build on top of it (i.e. add residential)
- Would like more market rate housing but affordability also important
 - i.e. would like mixed income housing – but would like it better integrated than Rainier Vista
 - would like workforce housing
- Make sure there is open space to balance the density
- Add some 12 stories to increase open space
 - Mix high rise with 6-story buildings

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- Would like 8-Story on QFC site
 - To achieve Large open space
- Would like 12-Story/6-Story mix on Lowe's site

5 Key Point Summary

1. Better connections
 - Pedestrian/Bus/Light Rail
 - Pedestrian
 - Cheasty
 - Crossing Rainier
 - Make MLK Arterial
 - Bus
 - Create connections to train stops
2. Goods and Services
 - Create more, do not destroy existing
 - Would like Chinese Restaurant!!
 - Would like Fred Meyer
3. Open Space
 - Locate near station for Exercise, Socializing -- with programming
 - Between buildings to balance density and growth
4. Density
 - Increase density to achieve open space
 - Locate density at the center – create transition to single family
 - Mix 6, 8, 12 Stories
5. Mix of housing affordabilities – from market to affordable (Market-Affordability)